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## **National Partnership Announced Between Leading Indigenous Workforce Development Programs Real Futures and The Pandanus Group**

July 2020 Sydney, NSW - Supply Nation Certified Company, Real Futures is thrilled to officially announce a national partnership with The Pandanus Group, a labor hire company that specialises in providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment. This is a first-time collaboration between two leading organisations across the Indigenous employment sector.

Recognised as being one of the most successful Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) providers in Australia, Real Futures has a reputation for supporting, nurturing and encouraging aspirants to chase and achieve their dreams.

“We want to create real opportunities for our mob,” explains Melissa Fernando, Regional Manager of Real Futures. “We are not interested in partnering with companies seeking to simply fulfil Aboriginal participation requirements. We want a partner who understands our need - our passion - to build capacity in our communities.”

Backed by over 25 years of experience across both Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and private industry, Pandanus Group sought a national partnership that focuses on breaking Indigenous generational welfare dependency.

“We are so pleased to be working with Real Futures,” states Peter Remfrey, Managing Director of The Pandanus Group.

“This partnership will not only improve employment prospects for those aspiring to work, it will also greatly improve retention rates across the employment, training and development sectors for Indigenous people.”

Together, The Pandanus Group and Real Futures are focused on real results, and look forward to bringing real, long-term change to communities across the country.

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### **About Real Futures**

Real Futures is majority Aboriginal owned, controlled and managed Supply Nation Certified Company. Founded in 2011 by Wendy Yarnold and Brad Carbutt, our original focus was on connecting Indigenous Australians looking for work during the resource sector boom. We have significantly broadened our scope to encompass all opportunities with all Industry.

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### **About The Pandanus Group**

Derived from the 'Miyartiwi' or Pandanus skin group on the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory, The Pandanus Group specialises in providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and workforce development, stakeholder engagement, and cultural preservation programs that ensure positive socioeconomic growth.

Spending his early years growing up on Wurrumiyanga on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory, The Pandanus Group's founder and Managing Director, Peter Remfrey is a proud Tiwi Man of non-indigenous descent having close ties with his spiritual Tiwi family Puruntatameri, who's Yimanga or skin is 'Takaringuwi' (mullet).

